

# Washington State Patrol Media Advisory

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## **Gov. Gregoire Announces New Division for State Patrol Will Increase Coordination And Security Efforts For State's Ferries**

The creation of the new Vessel and Terminal Security (VATS) division of the Washington State Patrol will be announced during a news conference in Seattle. The Governor is sending remarks, which will be read by General Lowenberg of the State Military Dept.

### **News Conference**

**Thursday, March 10, 1:30 PM**

**Colman Dock, Pier 52, Seattle**

Speakers at the news conference will be:

- **Maj. Gen. Timothy Lowenberg**, Director, Washington State Military Department
- **Chief John Batiste**, Washington State Patrol
- **Adm. Jeffrey Garrett**, United States Coast Guard
- **Doug MacDonald**, Secretary, Washington State Department of Transportation
- **Mike Anderson, Executive Director**, Washington State Ferries

Members of the media should drive through the ferry terminal ticket booths on Alaskan Way. Please bring identification. You will be directed to parking by the WSF ticket seller.

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